

Final Report of Child Fatality or Near Fatality

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DOB: 04/13/11 Race: Hispanic Gender: F

Type of Report: X Fatality Near Fatality

Date of Fatality or Near Fatality: 07/30/12

Cause and Circumstances of the Child Fatality or Near Fatality

Date Report Accepted for Investigation: 7/30/12

Summary of Allegations: The reporter alleged a car struck and killed a minor child while the child was in her mother's care.

Date Investigation Initiated: 7/30/12

Case Decision: The case was indicated for neglect and substantial risk of physical abuse by the mother and father.

Date of Case Decision: 8/27/12

Basis for Case Decision: SCDSS indicated the case for neglect by the child's mother and father because the mother and father failed to provide supervision appropriate to the child's age and development. SCDSS also indicated the case for substantial risk of physical abuse because domestic violence occurred while their children were present in the home.

The Department's Response After the Fatality or Near Fatality

Because the home where the children lived was in an unsafe and unsanitary condition with trash strewn about, roach infestation, and an inoperable bathroom, on 7/30/12 the deceased child's siblings were placed into emergency protective custody.

SCDSS provided a referral to the mother for a psychological evaluation. SCDSS was unable to assist the mother in the completion of treatment goals because the mother was deported.

SCDSS provided a referral to the father for domestic violence batterer's classes where parenting issues were also addressed. SCDSS provided supervised transitional visits between the father and children with the ultimate goal of reunification. The father regained custody on 11/7/13.

The case remains open for Family Preservation Services.

Previous Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations that are Pertinent to the Child Fatality or Near Fatality.

Date Investigation Initiated: 05/15/10

Summary of Allegations: On 5/15/10, SCDSS received a report indicating the mother left two children alone and unsupervised in the apartment. During her absence, food that was cooking on the stove caught fire.

Case Decision: The case was indicated for physical neglect.

Date of Case Decision: 6/29/10

Basis for Case Decision: The mother left two minor children alone in an apartment. Subsequently, food cooking on the stove caught on fire. The home where the children lived was in an unsafe and unsanitary condition, infested with roaches. SCDSS indicated the case for neglect because the mother failed to provide supervision appropriate to the age and development of the children and because the mother failed to provide adequate housing for the children.

SCDSS implemented a Safety Plan that prohibited the mother from leaving her children without supervision and also provided services through a Family Preservation case.

SCDSS provided a referral for the mother to receive victim's counseling. SCDSS also provided a referral for the father to attend domestic violence batterer's classes. SCDSS provided a referral for parenting skills classes.

The family successfully completed all treatment goals. The children remained with the mother. The case closed on 12/27/10.